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SUBJECT: CONCERN ABOUT US/ISRAEL NUCLEAR POWER  
COOPERATION

1. DAVAR OF APRIL 29 CARRIED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WRITTEN  
BY ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, BARNEA: BEGIN TEXT:  
ISRAELI CIRCLES FEAR THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH THE US FOR  
CONSTRUCTION OF A NUCLEAR REACTOR FOR ELECTRICITY PRODUCING  
PURPOSES IN ISRAEL WILL BE CALLED OFF. THE ISRAELIS TAKE  
IT THAT THE US WILL ALSO HAVE TO CALL OFF ITS REACTOR  
DEAL WITH EGYPT.

2. ACCORDING TO THE RULES ADOPTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER  
WHERE THE TRANSFER OF PLUTONIUM TO COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE  
UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED, NO SUPPLIES CAN BE FURNISHED  
TO COUNTRIES UNLESS THEIR REACTORS ARE SUBJECT TO INTER-  
NATIONAL INSPECTION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CASES WHERE  
SUCH SUPPLIES WOULD SERVE THE AMERICAN DEFENSE INTEREST.  
ISRAEL'S NUCLEAR RESEARCH COMPLEX IN DIMONA IS NOT SUBJECT  
TO ANY OUTSIDE INSPECTION, AND ISRAEL HAS MADE IT CLEAR  
TO THE US THAT NO SUCH INSPECTION WOULD BE PERMITTED.  
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THIS QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDING OF REACTORS WAS CLOSE TO  
BEING SETTLED AT THE END OF THE LAST ADMINISTRATION, AFTER  
EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAD CONSENTED TO FULL INSPECTION OF THE  
NEW REACTORS BOTH COUNTRIES WERE ABOUT TO RECEIVE FROM  
THE US. THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, HOWEVER, DECLARED  
FROM THE OUTSET THAT THERE WOULD BE A REASSESSMENT OF  
THE POLICY OF DISSEMINATING NUCLEAR MATERIALS, WHICH

WOULD INCLUDE THE AGREEMENTS WITH EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

3. THERE IS SOME DIFFERENCE OF OPINION IN ISRAEL ON THE NEED FOR A NUCLEAR REACTOR TO PRODUCE ELECTRICITY. EGYPT, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS MAKING EXPLICIT DEMANDS FOR HER REACTORS. AS A RESULT, ISRAEL FEARS TWO POSSIBILITIES:

--THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, IN THE LIGHT OF EGYPTIAN PRESSURE, WILL TRY TO SUPPLY REACTORS TO EGYPT ONLY, AND WILL SUGGEST THAT ISRAEL BECOME A PARTNER TO THE AGREEMENT BY THE IMPOSING OF INSPECTION ON DIMONA.

--THAT THE US WILL PRESSURE ISRAEL INTO CONSENTING TO INSPECTION OF DIMONA WITHOUT REGARD TO THE NEW REACTORS.

4. THE AMERICANS HAVE SO FAR ABSTAINED FROM DISCUSSING THE PRESIDENT'S NEW POLICY WITH ISRAEL AND IT NOW APPEARS THAT SUCH A DISCUSSION WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE ISRAELI ELECTIONS. THEY HAVE ALSO PUT OFF UNTIL THEN THEIR OFFICIALLY STATED REFUSAL TO COUNTENANCE CO-PRODUCTION OF THE F-16. END TEXT.  
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